

## **Preface for Open Submission Session**

Open submission session of this year is the second attempt at NTCIR workshops. We welcome submissions from non-NTCIR task participants and focus on some special topics that (1) discuss evaluation methodologies and metrics, and (2) exploit the information access towards subjective/sentimental statement in the documents and its evaluation. We expect that the presentation on these topics will be good input to the discussion for the NTCIR-6 tasks and future directions.

The call-for-papers of NTCIR-5 open submission session was announced in the early of September, 2005. Within less than one and half months, we received 12 submissions. Each submission was reviewed by two program committee members. After blind reviewing, we accepted 6 full papers for oral presentation and 2 short papers for poster presentation. We arranged the full papers into two oral sessions. The first touched on evaluation metrics of information retrieval, construction of evaluation corpus for opinion extraction, and multi-document summarization reflecting subjective information need. The second discussed the annotation of corpus and technologies of question answering.

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